Hats Off! A Reading Strategy Guide

Strategy Hats	Strategy	Student-Friendly Definition	If the Hat Fits, Wear It!
	Activating Prior Knowledge	Recalling what you already know about a topic. I already know	A graduate has a large base of prior knowledge to draw from.
	Making Connections	Connecting the text to your own life. It reminds me of	A cool kid propels through his or her past.
	Inferring	Using clues in the text to find deeper meaning. The clues help me	A detective searches for clues to solve a mystery.
	Predicting	Making an educated guess. I think	A weather forecaster tells what he or she thinks will happen in the future.
	Visualizing	Creating a mental image in your head. I am picturing	An artist creates mental images in order to make a picture come alive.
	Questioning	Having conversations with or about the text. I wonder	A police officer must ask questions to get to the bottom of a story.
	Monitoring and Clarifying	Thinking about your reading while fixing any mix-ups. I can fix up my mix-ups.	A construction worker identifies problems and fixes them.
	Searching and Selecting	Identifying necessary information in the text. This is important because	An explorer only has time to visit the most important places.
	Summarizing	Restating the meaning of the text. Somebody wanted But So then	A reporter must stick to the facts and be concise.